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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/ONE

ATTENTION : [redacted]

THROUGH : D/ORR

THROUGH : Chief, ERA

SUBJECT : ORR Contribution to SNIE 10.1-67

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1. Attached is the ORR contribution to SNIE 10.1-67. The contribution addresses itself specifically to the questions raised at the last representatives meeting to which ORR was requested to contribute. You will note, however, that it goes further and presents what I regard as a convincing argument that the Practice 9 project may not be very effective in reducing the infiltration of either men or personnel. I am aware that the members of the Board and the USIB representatives have been shying away from including an assessment of effectiveness in the estimate. Nevertheless, I feel strongly that a judgment of the effectiveness of the system should be available to the Board and to the USIB representatives, and included in the estimate.

2. As you know, one of the purposes of the SNIE is to provide the Secretary of Defense with the information he needs to decide whether or not he wants to buy the anti-infiltration system. It is my understanding that the initial request from General Starbird for a SNIE specifically asked for an assessment of the effectiveness of the system. This part of General Starbird's request was deleted by DIA in its memorandum requesting the SNIE.

3. In view of the expense of the project, $2 billion, the great damage that might result if the project is approved as one with high expectations for success, and my fear that a meaningful assessment of the probable effectiveness of Practice 9 will not be available to the Secretary to help in his decision, I urge most strongly that reconsideration be given to the desirability of including some judgment of probable effectiveness in the SNIE.

4. Perhaps the clinching argument, from a practical point of view, is that it would be difficult if not impossible to discuss

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probable countermeasures or more generalized political reactions without a discussion of the gross effectiveness of the system and the effectiveness of the system after countermeasures are taken.

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